

# Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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**Post-Travel Filing Instructions:** Complete this form within 30 days of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

☒ The original *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* (Form RE-1), AND

☒ A copy of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form* with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): Jobs for the Future (JFF), Lumina Foundation and The Joyce Foundation

Travel date(s): August 28, 2018 - August 30, 2018

Name of accompanying family member (if any): NONE

Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING DID NOT INCREASE DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

## Expenses for Employee:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate	\$425.00	\$258.00	\$135.00	NONE
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

## Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONES
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.): During the visit to Detroit, meetings and events were focused around the city's efforts to revitalize its economy, specifically how to get Detroiters on a pathway to economic success. See attached agenda in pre-travel forms for more detail.

9/27/2018  
(Date)

Devin Parsons  
(Printed name of traveler)

[Signature]  
(Signature of traveler)

## TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

9/27/18  
(Date)

[Signature]  
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)



## EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

Date/Time Stamp:

**Pre-Travel Filing Instructions:** Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220**. Incomplete and late travel submissions will **not** be considered or approved. This form **must** be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at [ethics.senate.gov](http://ethics.senate.gov). Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.

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Name of Traveler: Devin Parsons

Employing Office/Committee: U.S. Senator Gary C. Peters

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): Jobs for the Future, Lumina Foundation, The Joyce Foundation

Travel date(s): August 28, 2018 - August 30, 2018

*Note: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you **must** notify the Committee.*

Destination(s): Detroit, MI

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

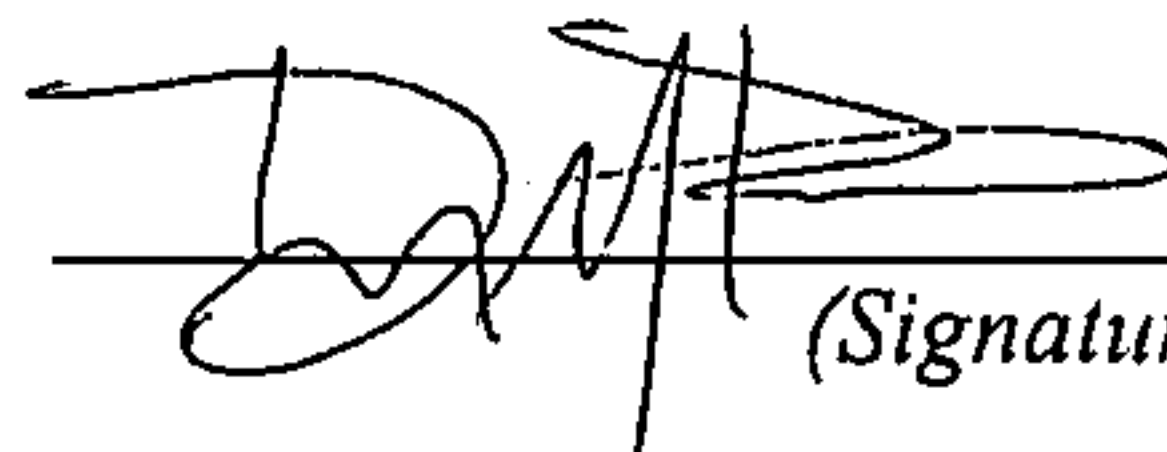
Devin is a Legislative Assistant who handles the workforce development portfolio for Senator Peters. This trip will bring staff to a city represented by her boss for the purpose of exploring innovative approaches to education and workforce development. She also works on health and labor policies related to anti-poverty programs that are included as topics in some of the planned sessions.

Name of accompanying family member (if any): None

Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge:

7/25/2018  
(Date)

  
(Signature of Employee)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENATOR/OFFICER (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain):

Senator Gary C. Peters

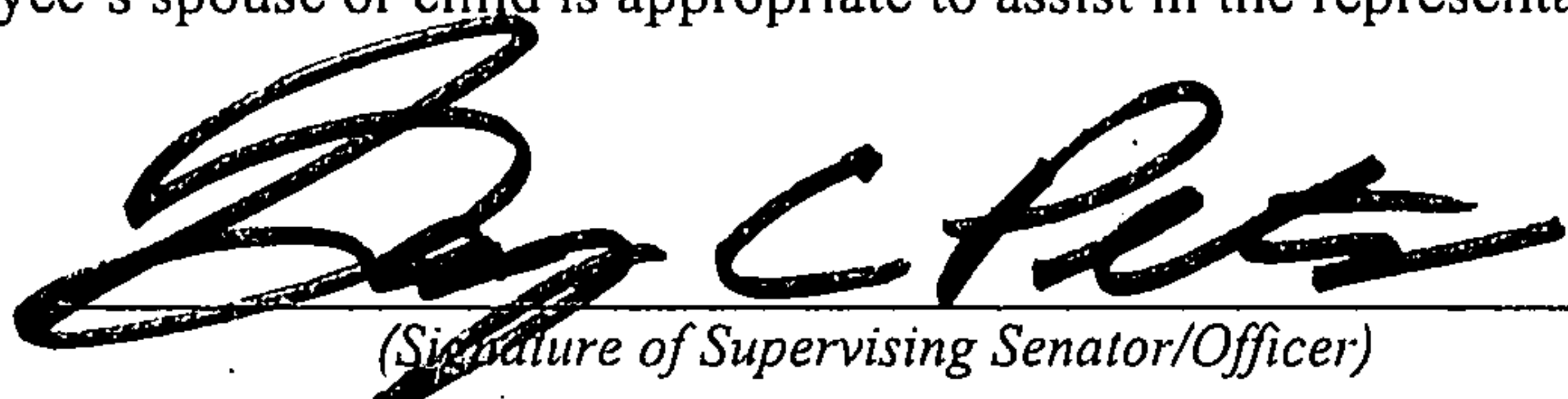
Devin Parsons

I, Senator Gary C. Peters hereby authorize Devin Parsons  
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name) (Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate. (signify "yes" by checking box) ☐

7/25/18  
(Date)

  
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

## PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): Jobs for the Future (JFF), Lumina Foundation and The Joyce Foundation
2. Description of the trip: The Congressional Staff Network Site Visit to Detroit, MI to examine high quality and innovative education, workforce and poverty alleviation programs. See attachments for more detail.
3. Dates of travel: August 28, 2018 - August 30, 2018
4. Place of travel: Detroit, MI
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: See attachments for more detail.
6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:
  - ☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.
  - ~~OR~~
  - ☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
  - ~~AND~~
  - ☒ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8. I *certify* that:
  - ☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.
  - ~~AND~~
  - ☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).



9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment of the trip*.

**OR**

☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment of the trip (see questions 6 and 10)*.

**OR**

☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

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11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

JFF, Lumina Foundation and The Joyce Foundation select sites and topics around which to base site visits based on the quality of programming and their relationship to education, workforce development and poverty alleviation policy. See attachments for more detail.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:  
See attachments for each sponsors mission and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

JFF has previously planned similar trips for the past 10 years. This year Lumina Foundation and The Joyce Foundation are playing a substantive role in the planning and development of the site visit.  
See attachments for more detail.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

Each sponsor performs additional educational activities outside of sponsoring congressional trips. See attachments for more detail.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate	\$425.00 (see attachments for more detail)	\$258.00 (see attachments for more detail)	\$135.00 (see attachments for more details)	NONE
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts				

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

b) The trip involves events that are arranged or organized specifically with regard to Congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

JFF, Lumina Foundation and The Joyce Foundation selected Detroit, MI for this visit. Due to the city's innovative strategies in addressing education, workforce and poverty policy. See attachments for more detail.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

The Siren Hotel: 1509 Broadway St. Detroit, MI 48226

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

The hotel is geographically convenient and offers government per diem rates.



21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

The lodging expenses will equal the government per diem rate for Detroit, MI in August. The meal expenses will be less than the government per diem rate for Detroit, MI in August.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

Roundtrip coach class commercial airfare will be provided from DC to Detroit. In addition, a chartered coach class bus service is reserved for two days of ground transportation. See attachments for more detail.

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

NONE

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you *must* include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):

Signature of Travel Sponsor: Marla K. Flynn

Name and Title: Marla Flynn, President/CEO

Name of Organization: Jobs for the Future (JFF)

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Telephone Number: 617-728-4446

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: mflynn@jff.org

**PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM**  
**SIGNATURE PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL SPONSOR**  
*(to be completed by each additional sponsor)*

I hereby *certify* that the information contained on pages 1-4 of the certification form and any accompanying addenda, all submitted in connection with the 8/28/18 - 8/30/18 trip  
Dates of Travel (Month Day, Year)  
to Detroit, MI Place of Travel is true, complete, and correct.

Signature of Travel Sponsor: Danelle Howard

Name and Title: Danelle Howard, Ph.D., Senior Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer

Name of Organization: Lumina Foundation

Address: 30 S Meridian St. Suite #700 Indianapolis, IN 46204

Telephone Number: 800-834-5756

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: dhoward@luminafoundation.org

**PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM**  
**SIGNATURE PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL SPONSOR**  
*(to be completed by each additional sponsor)*

I hereby certify that the information contained on pages 1-4 of the certification form and any accompanying addenda, all submitted in connection with the August 28, 2018 - August 30, 2018 trip  
to Detroit, MI is true, complete, and correct.  
*Place of Travel*

Signature of Travel Sponsor: Ellen Alberding

Name and Title: Ellen Alberding, President

Name of Organization: The Joyce Foundation

Address: 321 North Clark St. Suite #1500 Chicago, IL 60654

Telephone Number: 312-782-2464

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: swilkine@joycefdn.org



## Attachments

### Congressional Staff Network for Workforce and Economic Security Issues August 28 – 30, 2018 Site Visit Detroit, MI

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#### **Question #2 Description of the Trip:**

The Congressional Staff Network brings together a bicameral, bipartisan group of senior Congressional staff to focus on policy issues at the core of economic mobility: K-12 education, postsecondary education, workforce development, and poverty alleviation. The purpose of this trip is to examine high quality and innovative education and workforce training programs that focus on the economic needs of the city, its employers and its people. Staff will see innovative programs that meet the skill needs of the region's critical industries, talk with students, teachers, state and local officials and employers who are involved in the development and in carrying out these programs.

#### **Question #5 Senate Staff:**

Jake Baker, Professional Staff, Senate HELP Committee

Mary Barry, Policy Advisor, Senate HELP Committee

Laura Berntsen, Domestic Policy Advisor, Senate Finance Committee

Sarah Bittleman, Legislative Director, Office of Senator Wyden

Kelly Brown, Professional Staff, Senate Committee on Appropriations

Dianne Browning, Professional Staff Member, Office of Senator Hatch

Manuel Contreras, Legislative Aide, Senate HELP Committee

Katherine McClelland, Workforce and Education Policy Advisor, Senate HELP Committee

Devin Parsons, Legislative Aide, Office of Senator Bennet

Cortney Segmen, Legislative Fellow, Office of Senator Kaine

Brittany Weaver, Legislative Assistant, Office of Senator Hassan

#### **Question #12 Role of Sponsor:**

Jobs for the Future (JFF), Lumina Foundation and The Joyce Foundation work together to select sites and topics of interest around which to base site visits and forums, considering congressional staff interest, the quality of programming, and whether or not these programs have a relationship to workforce development and education policy. The sponsors develop and execute the agenda and arrange logistics for the trip. JFF serves as the point of contact for staff.



**Question #13 Mission of Sponsors:**

JFF's mission is the development of education, training and supportive programs and policies that expand opportunities for low income and disconnected youth and adults to attain the education, training and credentials necessary to find good jobs and family sustaining careers; Lumina Foundation's mission is the commitment to making opportunities for learning beyond high school available to all, envisioning a system that is easy to navigate, delivers fair results, and meets the nation's need for talent through a broad range of credentials; and The Joyce Foundation's mission is investments in public policies and strategies to advance racial equity and economic mobility for the next generation. All three sponsors work is informed by research, analysis, and best practice. JFF, Lumina Foundation and The Joyce Foundation's mission supports the purpose of the trip, learning and highlighting programs that expand opportunities for all through education, workforce development and poverty alleviation policy.

**Question #14 History of Sponsor:** JFF has previously sponsored Congressional Staff trips and events for the past 10 years. Examples of this work includes the following: held numerous DC-based local forums and conducted multiple site visits where senior congressional staff have the opportunity to see high quality workforce programs and learn from experts and practitioners on the ground, about the impact of federal policy in their fields of responsibility. Visits have included programs in: Charlotte, NC; Bridgeport, CT; Cincinnati, OH; Madison, WI; Philadelphia, PA; Detroit, MI; Wichita, KS; Nashville, TN; Seattle, WA; Eastern KY and Fredericksburg, VA. The purpose of these trips (and the Network) is to provide in-depth learning opportunities for staff on workforce, education, and economic security issues. This year Lumina Foundation and The Joyce Foundation have become sponsors, playing a substantive role in the planning and development of the Congressional Staff Network site visit.

**Question #15 Other Educational Activities of Sponsor:**

JFF works with partners around the country to design and drive the adoption of education and career pathways leading to college, career readiness and career advancements for those struggling to succeed in today's economy. JFF improves pathways from high school to college to family-sustaining careers through relevant technical assistance, research, publication of reports, briefs and blogs and hosting events, including national conferences. Lumina Foundation is working with partners to bring greater transparency to all credentials and better serve underrepresented communities through; robust communication - providing daily newsletters to the public which highlight Lumina's recent publications as well as other publications that are relevant to their mission and Lumina funds projects that research and implement (through technical assistance) best practices around education, training and overall skill development throughout the nation. Lumina Foundation's work supports smoother student transitions and creative, flexible pathways for all learners. The Joyce Foundation supports policy research, development and advocacy - identifying innovative solutions and investing in their success. Through this work, The Joyce Foundation: funds organizations that focus on education and economic mobility, convenes coalitions focused on a specific education or workforce strategy and promotes findings through distribution of materials (i.e. policy briefs or reports).



**Question #16 Good Faith Estimates for Senate Staff Travel and Meal Expenses:**

**Transportation:** Round trip coach class commercial airfare from DCA (DC) → DTW (Detroit) = \$350.00 per person. On the ground transportation, via chartered coach class bus service for two days in Detroit = \$75.00 per person. Total transportation expenses = \$425.00 per person.

**Lodging:** Lodging at the Siren hotel = \$126.00 per night x 2 nights = **\$258.00 per person.**

**Meals:** Meals for three days of travel = **\$135.00 per person.**

**Question #18 Reason for Selecting Location:**

The sponsors selected Detroit, Michigan for this site visit because of the revitalization of the city and economy and their serious approach to equity. Detroit has undergone significant changes in the past decade, now the city is rebuilding, not only physically but it's economy. This visit will highlight Detroit's commitment to innovative K-12, post-secondary and workforce models that promote skill development and poverty alleviation. The visit will shed light on implications for K-12, higher education and workforce development policy, specifically on: CTE, Pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs, career pathway approaches and strategies for supporting today's most vulnerable learners.

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ON WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC SECURITY

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AGENDA

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**Tuesday, August 28, 2018 – Thursday, August 30, 2018**  
**Site Visit to Detroit, Michigan**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 28<sup>th</sup>**

- 3:00 – 4:37PM      Staff Flies to Detroit MI  
                             *DCA → DTW Delta Airlines Flight 2741*
- 5:15 – 6:15 PM      Transit from Airport to The Siren Hotel  
                             *1509 Broadway St. Detroit, MI 48226*
- 6:15 – 7:00 PM      Check into Rooms
- 7:00 – 9:00 PM      Dinner Session: Detroit's Future Opportunities and Challenges  
                             *Dpop Center: 711 Griswold St. Detroit, MI 48226*

**Speakers:**

- Stephen Henderson, Journalist, WDET 101.9 FM (facilitator)
- Bill Emerson, Vice Chairman, Quicken Loans and Rock Ventures
- Ryan Friedrichs, Chief Development Officer, City of Detroit
- Tonya Allen, President and CEO, Skillman Foundation
- Tosha Tabron, Vice President, Relationship Manager of Global Philanthropy, JPMorgan Chase

The dinner program will focus on Detroit's vision for the future, and how the city is revitalizing its economy through workforce development, inclusion, and partnerships. The panel will represent local government, private industry and philanthropy, highlighting for staff: Detroit's current economic landscape; workforce development challenges and opportunities; strategies to combat challenges; the roles of the diverse stakeholders; and future plans for success and high impact programming.

- 9:00 PM      Return to the Hotel



## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29<sup>th</sup>

7:45 AM Meet in Lobby and Walk to the Carr Center

8:00 – 9:30 AM Breakfast Session: Detroit's Workforce Development System  
*The Carr Center: 1505 Woodward Ave. Detroit, MI 48226*

Speakers:

- Jeff Donofrio, Director, Workforce Development, City of Detroit
- Nicole Sherard-Freeman, Executive Director, Detroit Employment Solutions Corporation

The breakfast meeting will focus on Detroit's workforce development system, it's structure, key initiatives, and how it is serving special populations, including but not limited to non-credentialed adults and opportunity youth.

9:30 – 10:00 AM Travel to the Michigan Central Train Depot  
*2001 15<sup>th</sup> St. Detroit, MI 48216*

10:00 – 11:30 AM Transforming the Auto Manufacturing Industry for Tomorrow

Speakers:

- Bryan Barnhill, Detroit Engagement Manager, City Solutions Group, Ford Motor Company
- Matt Godlewski, Director, Government and Stakeholder Relations, Ford Motor Company

This session will focus on the auto industry's response to the future of work. Staff will learn about Ford's strategy behind the Corktown campus, its focus on innovation, how their move back to Detroit is having a major economic impact on the city, and about the talent needs of the company -- particularly in its focus on innovation.

11:30 – 12:00 PM Travel to SW Detroit

12:00 – 1:30 PM Lunch Session at the Ford Resource and Engagement Center: The Role of Detroit's Community-Based Organizations in Addressing Poverty and Workforce Development  
*2826 Bagley St. Detroit, MI 48216*

Speakers:

- Dan Varner, CEO, Goodwill Industries
- Eva G. Dewaelsche, President and CEO, SER Metro
- Hector Hernandez, Executive Director, Southwest Economic Solutions
- Jewel Chapman, Director, Workforce Development and Education, Focus Hope

Staff will hear from SW Detroit's community leaders, including SW Solutions Earn & Learn program, Goodwill's Surge program, SER Metro's YouthBuild Program, and Focus Hope to understand the profiles and needs of Detroiters being served by major CBOs. Staff will learn about signature initiatives and how organizations leverage TANF, SNAP, WIOA I & II, philanthropic and employer support to achieve results. Staff will also hear about what these organizations recommend for strengthening federal programs.

1:30 – 2:00 PM Travel to the Shinola Factory in New Center  
*485 W Milwaukee St. Detroit, MI 48202*

2:00 – 3:00 PM Shinola Session: Made in Detroit

Speakers:

- Jen Guarino, Vice President, Manufacturing, Shinola

Representatives from Shinola Watch Company and other local industries will showcase how they are using fashion to catalyze Detroit's "garment" district; staff will learn about the talent needs of small manufacturers.

3:00 – 3:30 PM Travel to University of Michigan (Detroit Center in Midtown)  
*3663 Woodward Ave #150 Detroit, MI 48201*

3:30 – 5:00 PM UofM Session: Solutions and Partnerships with Higher Education

Speakers:

- Patrick Cooney, Assistant Director, Detroit Partnership on Economic Mobility, Poverty Solutions at the University of Michigan
- Keith E. Whitfield, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Wayne State University
- Greg Handel, Vice President, Education, Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce
- James Sawyer, President, Macomb Community College
- Curtis Ivery, Chancellor, Wayne County Community College District

This Session will focus on the role that postsecondary education plays in economic and workforce development in the Detroit region, including its role in addressing poverty. Speakers will discuss the University of Michigan's poverty alleviation research, as well as partnerships among higher education institutions and business and industry (including the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce) on the design and implementation of strategies for student access and



success. Staff will also learn about Detroit's recent designation as a Talent Hub designed to attract, retain, and cultivate talent, particularly among today's students, many of whom are people of color, low income, and the first to go to college. The Talent Hub is a collaboration led by the Detroit Regional Chamber in partnership with Wayne State University and Macomb Community College, with funding from Lumina and The Kresge Foundations.

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~~5:00 – 5:30 PM~~    ~~Travel back to hotel~~

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6:30 PM              Informal Dinner

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 30<sup>th</sup>

7:30 – 9:00 AM      Breakfast Session: The Mayor's Workforce Development Board  
*Detroit Athletic Club 421 Madison St. Detroit, MI 48226*

Speakers:

- Dave Meador, Vice Chair and Chief Administrative Officer, DTE Energy
- Cindy Pasky, President and CEO, Strategic Staffing Solutions

Detroit's Workforce Development Board co-chairs will share the Mayor's vision and efforts around rebuilding Detroit's workforce development system, including efforts to remove barriers for Detroiters to enter and succeed along pathways to good jobs/careers.

9:00 – 9:30 AM      Return to Hotel for checkout

9:30 – 10:00 AM    Travel to the University of Detroit Mercy School of Architecture  
*16650 Livernois Ave, Detroit MI 48221*

10:00 - 11:30 AM   Session: Revitalization in Detroit Neighborhoods

Speakers:

- Maurice Cox, Director, Planning and Development, City of Detroit
- Michelle Bolofer, Executive Director, Century Forward
- Mike Smith, Vice President, Neighborhoods, Invest Detroit
- Devon Buskin, Director, Workforce Development, The Greening of Detroit
- Cecily King, Executive Director, Live6 Alliance

This session will focus on neighborhood redevelopment, inclusion and equity. Staff will be driven to the Ella Fitzgerald Community park where they will get out and walk around the Fitzgerald Neighborhood, while hearing from Representatives from the city

planning department. After learning about the neighborhood's history and future development plans, staff will hear from developers and community organizations who will explain how sectors and initiatives are coming together in strategic neighborhood revitalization. The entire session will take place outside as long as weather permits.

11:30 – 12:00 PM Travel to Randolph Career and Technical Education Site  
*17101 Hubbell Detroit, MI 48235*

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12:00 – 12:30 PM Tour of the Randolph CTE Center

The Randolph CTE Center is a high school that prepares students for high-wage careers in construction trades, business, drafting and design technology while creating college and career-ready learners. The center also emphasizes work-based learning. Staff will tour the facilities and learn about Detroit's investment in CTE as a major component of the city's efforts to skill up its workforce. Because school does not begin in Detroit until after Labor Day, students are not expected to be in attendance.

12:30 – 2:30 PM Lunch Session at the Randolph CTE Center: CTE and Apprenticeship programs for Youth and Adults

- Krista King, Director, Randolph CTE Center
- Brenda Belcher, Director of the Office of College and Career Readiness, Detroit Public Schools
- Mike Haller, President, Walbridge
- Tom Ward, Training Director, Bricklayers Local 2
- Tom Bowes, Assistant Director, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) at the Joint Electric Apprenticeship Training Center (JATC)

Staff will hear from the public-school system, organized labor, and apprenticeship partners to understand the public private partnerships required in CTE and apprenticeships – and how CTE is being transformed in the city for youth and adult learners.

2:30 – 3:30 PM Wrap Up

Informal discussion with sponsors and staff about key take-aways from the trip – reflecting on what was learned and ways Federal policy makers can assist states and localities to improve system alignment, programming and outcomes.



3:30 – 4:00 PM	Travel to the airport
5:30 – 7:04 PM	Return flight to DC <i>DTW → DCA Delta Airlines Flight 2972</i>

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## DETROIT, MI FULL PARTICIPANT LIST

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### Congressional Staff Participants

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CONGRESSIONAL STAFF NETWORK  
ON WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC SECURITY

Good morning Devin,

You are officially invited to participate in Jobs for the Future's (JFF), Lumina Foundation's and The Joyce Foundation's Congressional Staff Network on Workforce and Economic Security Issues August Site Visit. This year we are going to Detroit, Michigan from **Tuesday, August, 28<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup>** where we will learn about a major city that is reinventing its economy and its education and workforce development efforts. We plan to fly from DC to Detroit on Tuesday afternoon, have an opening session that evening, participate in meetings and site visits throughout Wednesday and Thursday, and fly back to DC on Thursday afternoon so that you are back in DC by early evening.

During our visit to Detroit, we will hear about how the city is leveraging private and public investments and partnerships to revitalize the economy. We will hear from the Mayor's office, his newly appointed workforce development board, leading employers, and economic development officials to discuss the city's efforts to address the skill needs of the region. We will learn about: exciting new investments in CTE; business investments to increase postsecondary participation amongst city residents; how the city is working with community partners to address equity and poverty issues; and the region's efforts to improve student success in postsecondary education. In addition, we will learn about ongoing initiatives that are focused on increasing support for the city's youth population, both those who are in and out-of-school. To fully understand the culture and history of the region, we will learn about the region's long-standing relationship with the automotive industry, including, how it has shaped the community -- and how innovation is reshaping the industry.

In the next week, we will send more details regarding the trip, including the necessary Ethics documentation. We hope you can join us!

Best,

Mary Clagett, Senior Director of Workforce Policy, JFF